

REMARKS

The Examiner subjected claims 1 - 31 to an election requirement. The Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claim invention:

- A) Species of Figure 2 and
- B) Species of Figure 3.

Applicant elects to prosecute the Species of Figure 3, with traverse, has accordingly withdrawn claims 23 – 31, and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for the following reasons.

Claim 1 is generic enough to cover the Species of Figure 2 and the Species of Figure 3. Claim 1 includes the limitations "conductive material defining at least one wall of a well to receive a device to be tested," "non-conductive material covering the conductive material," and "at least one electrical contact extending from the conductive material to be electrically coupled to a ground plane."

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional schematic representation of an electromagnetic emissions shielded test contactor 100 connected to a TIU 102 in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, illustrating the principles of the operation of the invention. The species of Figure 2 includes conductive material defining at least one wall of a well to receive a device to be tested, which is listed as reference numerals 104a and 104b. The non-conductive material is listed as 106, and the at least one electrical contact extending from the conductive material to be electrically coupled to a ground plane is listed as 108.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a test contactor 200 in accordance with a preferred implementation. The Species of Figure 3, as explained in the Brief Description of the Drawings, is also illustrated in Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8. The conductive material defining at least one wall of a well to

receive a device to be tested is listed as 208 in Figure 7. The non-conductive material covering the conductive material is listed as 224 in Figure 7. The at least one electrical contact extending from the conductive material to be electrically coupled to a ground plane is listed as 218a and 218b in Figure 7.

Therefore, the limitations of claim 1 are included in both the Species of Figure 2 and the Species of Figure 3. Thus claim 1 is generic.

Applicant believes that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Michael A. Bernadicou by telephone at (408) 720-8300.

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